

The Times' Daily Short Story.

THE HIDDEN DOOR

Sackett street woke up one Tuesday morning to find that the shutters had not been taken down from the windows of Burchard's shop. For thirty-two years old Burchard, as everybody called him, had opened his shop for business six days of the week at 7 o'clock in the morning. He had never taken a business day off or lost one through sickness.

The belief was when the shop was found closed that the old man had died in his bed, and about 8:30 o'clock the police came to pick the lock of the door and effect an entrance. All doors and windows were found securely fastened, and there were no tracks to be found in the shop of intruders. The officers fully expected to find the dead body of the old man in his bedroom, but much to their surprise no grown-up spectacle met their gaze. As a matter of fact, old Burchard could not be found about the place either living or dead.

After a thorough search it was reasoned that he had been called away on business and that the police had been overzealous. One of their number was therefore left to guard the shop until the proprietor should return and the excitement subsided.

Old Burchard did not return. After a week the case was taken up again, and parties were found who had seen him put up his shutters and lock his door at 9 o'clock Monday night. He had said nothing of going away, and he had left no message within the shop. All the watches and clocks belonging to his customers were there, as also about \$3,000 worth of goods, and among his papers were two notes falling due on the day after his strange disappearance. He owed no man a dollar, and the idea that he had run away was absurd. The city was searched and the man advertised for, but the week went by and no clew was secured.

One of the strange features of the case was that no money could be found. The old man never did business with the banks, and no one had ever seen a safe in his shop. He handled thousands of dollars yearly, but where did he keep it? He often loaned money on diamonds and plate, but where he deposited them for safe keeping no one had ever learned. Unless he had gone away and taken his cash with him there ought to be a fortune hidden away in that old shop somewhere. People to the number of a dozen who had raised cash on personal property came forward to say so, but hunt as they did the searchers could find nothing outside the regular stock.

The next of kin was a brother, living a thousand miles away. He came

on and renewed the search. When it panned out nothing he fired men to raze the building to the ground, and every brace and beam was tested as it was removed. The work went on until only the cellar walls were left, and stone masons tested these with their hammers and found no hollow spots. The bottom of the cellar was dug up to a depth of three feet, but no cavities or iron bound boxes were discovered. That ended the search, and then a detective was employed to take the case up as a whole.

He was a shrewd fellow, but what could he do? A man locks himself into his shop at night. He is missing next morning, with all the doors still locked and the keys on the inside. He owes no man a cent, but leaves thousands of dollars' worth of property behind him. Two hundred newspapers give the affair publicity, and a million people perhaps are on the watch for a man described so and so, but not the slightest trace can be discovered. What was there for a detective to work on?

Years went by and the cellar remained open. No one wanted to buy the site. In time the Burchard mystery ceased to be talked about, and a new generation of boys grew up to play hide and seek in the cellar. Ten years had gone by when three or four boys jumped into the cavity one day after a football had been kicked there. In the struggle for the ball it was kicked here and there, and finally fell into a hole at the base of the crumbling west wall. In trying to recover it the boys pulled away a stone, and a minute later they had discovered a hidden door and solved the vexatious mystery.

Old Burchard had constructed a stone vault under the back yard, with an opening from the cellar. He was a cunning worker, and in making the door he had bolted thin slabs of stone to planks and hung the hinges on the inside. The keyhole looked like a fracture in one of the stones, and the whole was so artfully arranged that the hundreds of men who had searched not one had suspected the location of the door. In their tests the stone masons probably missed that particular spot.

You are prepared to learn that old Burchard's bones were found within. The door had swung on him as he entered the vault to put away his money for the night and had become jammed. The foul air had killed him within an hour. In that vault were found upward of \$80,000 in cash and all the property he had loans on, and of the body there were only bones and dust.

Of course everybody said that a secret door should have been suspected and looked for, just as if it hadn't been, and all the detectives remembered advising the heir to dig up the back yard to look for the vault. Nevertheless, three or four rolicking boys got \$1,000 apiece for solving the mystery that puzzled thousands of older brains.

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A CLEW TO BRONX MURDER

Negro Suspected of Killing Roxbury Arrested.

PAWNEE VICTIM'S WATCH

Miss Thomasch, Companion of the Dead Tea Taster on Fatal Night, Identifies Suspect—Blood Stained Purse Found in His Possession.

New York, July 20.—With a strong chain of circumstantial evidence about him the negro Charles Jackson has been placed in the Tombs prison charged with the murder of Charles W. Roxbury, the tea expert.

The finding of Roxbury's cardcase, streaked with blood, in the negro's room, his admission that he pawned the watch stolen from the murdered man and his positive identification as the tea expert's assailant by Miss Lillian Thomasch, who was with Roxbury when he was attacked, convince Inspectors Titus and McCluskey they have the right man.

A woman who was supposed to be Jackson's wife, but who says she is married to one Mitchell, was sent to the house of detention and is held as a witness. It is thought possible by the police that she was with Jackson when the assault was made and may be the woman spoken of by Miss Thomasch in her account of the attack.

Conflicting stories told by the negro and the woman, Lucy Jackson or Mitchell, confirm the police in their belief of his guilt. Throughout the several ordeals of arrest, cross questioning and the identification by Miss Thomasch the prisoner remained stolid. He is of great physical strength and a low order of intelligence; says he is twenty-nine years old and a driver and is not known to have a criminal record.

It was through the watch formerly owned by Roxbury and found in a pawnshop that Jackson was tracked. Upon placing the watch in pawn the negro gave a wrong address. This threw the detectives off the trail for a time, and it was due largely to the work of a colored detective, Peyton of Brooklyn, that Jackson was traced to his room. After his home had been found several detectives waited outside. When he appeared they arrested him.

Roxbury's Cardcase Found. His room was searched. Beneath scraps of paper and rags the pigskin cardcase carried by Roxbury was found. The case, which had been used as a purse, was stained with blood and was empty. In a drawer the pawn ticket for the watch was discovered. Watch and cardcase were identified by Miss Maud Roxbury, a daughter of the murdered man, and by Harold Legraw, Roxbury's brother-in-law.

Miss Thomasch was summoned to Inspector Titus' office. In a rear room, through the windows of which the light came strongly, four negroes and four detectives, all unknown to Miss Thomasch, were placed in line. She was led in and told to look at each man carefully and positively identify Jackson as the man who struck down Roxbury.

Ministerial Crisis in Spain. Madrid, July 20.—After a long discussion on the navy vote in the council all the members of the cabinet tendered their resignations to Premier Silveira, who laid them before the king. His majesty thereupon requested Senor Silveira to form a new cabinet, but the premier declined, and the Marquis Villaverde, formerly minister of finance, was summoned to the palace. The ministerial crisis is the result of differences of opinion regarding the reconstruction of the Spanish navy, raising its strength to approximately what it was prior to the war with the United States.

Septuagenarian Kills Son. Grand Rapids, July 20.—Hendrick Ten Braak, aged seventy years, shot and fatally wounded his eldest son, Albert, aged nineteen, and tried to kill his wife, but was prevented by the arrival of officers. Mrs. Ten Braak recently secured a divorce from her husband on account of his alleged intemperate habits and abusive conduct, and he claimed that his wife and Albert swore falsely against him.

Disaster on the Hudson. Kingston, N. Y., July 20.—The schooner Reliance, loaded with brick, has been sunk by the steamer Central Hudson of the Central Hudson line, and Captain Calvin Delaney of Nyack, N. Y., was drowned.

A Japanese Minister Resigns. Tokyo, July 18.—The Japanese minister of the interior has resigned on account of ill health. He has been succeeded by Baron Kodama, who will retain the governorship of Formosa.

Another Fourth of July Death. Worcester, Mass., July 18.—Harry Broderick, aged nine, who has died at the City hospital, is Worcester's second victim of tetanus as a result of the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Fire Loss in Danville, Va. Danville, Va., July 20.—The Star warehouse on Spring street, operated by C. D. Neell & Co., and the large four story building owned by John B. Anderson & Co. have been entirely consumed by fire. The loss is about \$75,000, including \$15,000 worth of tobacco.

Bryan Delivers Address. Chicago, July 20.—William Jennings Bryan was the principal speaker at the picnic of the local Democracy here. Mr. Bryan's topic was "The Democratic Ideal," and in the course of his remarks he attacked the second administration of Grover Cleveland.



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RELIANCE HOME FIRST.

New Yacht Wins Easy Victory From Columbia and Constitution.

New London, Conn., July 20.—There was no room for doubt in the victory of the Reliance in the second run of the New York Yacht club cruise of thirty-nine miles from New Haven to this port. She led from the very start and finished more than a mile ahead of the Columbia and over two miles ahead of the Constitution, beating the former 6 minutes and 29 seconds in elapsed time and the latter 16 minutes and 24 seconds. The Constitution beat the Columbia 9 minutes and 55 seconds.

Starting in a light, favorable breeze, the Reliance within fifteen minutes was three-quarters of a mile ahead of the other two boats, but when the wind increased, as it did about half an hour after the start, the new boat did not gain so rapidly. In fact, for twenty miles of the run, made in a good twelve knot breeze and the wind forward of the beam, the Constitution held the Reliance in fine shape. Five miles from the finish, however, the new boat pulled away very rapidly, while the Columbia steadily dropped behind the other two after half of the course had been covered.

New University Incorporated.

Washington, July 20.—The University of North America has been incorporated. The trustees are: Henry A. Castle, auditor of the treasury, and J. E. Rockwell of this city; Professor G. Prentice Carson of Philadelphia, Professor Courtney French of Lincoln, Neb.; Dr. Norman P. Hefley, Edward H. M. Roehr, Henry I. MacMahon, H. S. White and H. Delmar French of New York. The university is organized for the promotion and advancement of learning in the ancient and modern languages, journalism, law and for other purposes.

America to Thank Danes.

Washington, July 20.—At the instance of Rear Admiral Cotton and Captain Hemphill of the Kearsarge the navy department has requested the state department to make suitable acknowledgment to the civil and military authorities and the people of Nyborg, Denmark, for the extraordinary manifestation of sympathy exhibited by them on the occasion of the death and burial at that place on June 19 of Frederick McKay, an apprentice on the Kearsarge.

Negroes Driven Away.

Asheville, N. C., July 20.—Fifty negroes in the employ of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, engaged in building the long distance line through the Doggett section of Madison county, west of this place, have been driven out of that section by the mountaineers. A delegation of heavily armed citizens visited the camp and commanded that the negroes leave the country. The negroes did not await a second command.

American Yacht Wins Abroad.

London, July 20.—The American built schooner yacht Navahoe, formerly owned by Royal Phelps Carroll, but now the property of Herr George W. Watjen, was the first boat to reach Deal in the handicap yacht race from the island of Helgoland to this place, which was started Thursday. Among the starters, in addition to the Navahoe, were Emperor William's Meteor, the empress Iduna, the Comet and the Therses.

Great Electrician Dead.

Pasadena, Cal., July 20.—Luther Sterliger, one of the most eminent electrical engineers of the world, has died here of consumption, aged fifty-eight years. Sterliger, next to Edison, his friend and associate, was responsible for the invention of more electrical appliances than any other man. He had charge of the electric lighting of the Pan-American exposition.

Wisconsin Crops Lost.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 20.—Reports of damage from the recent storm are coming in from the southern part of the state. Crops were battered down flat to the ground. In many instances grain crops were rendered impossible of harvesting, and the only recourse left to the farmers will be to turn their live stock into the fields for pasture.

Fire Damages Lowell Mill.

Lowell, Mass., July 20.—Fire in the Merrimack Print works has done damage estimated at \$200,000. It was located chiefly in the power plant and an adjacent storehouse.

STORE VISITS CLEVELANDS.

Second Son Born to the Ex-President at Buzzards Bay.

Buzzards Bay, Mass., July 20.—A son has been born to former President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland at their summer home here, Gray Gables.

The attendants say that all conditions affecting both mother and child are satisfactory. Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, and Miss Frances Folsom were married in the blue room of the White House on June 2, 1889. There are now five Cleveland children—Ruth, Esther, Marion, Richard Folsom and the latest arrival, Ruth was born Oct. 3, 1891, in New York city. As "Baby Ruth" she ruled Washington society during her father's second term in the White House.

Esther Cleveland was born Sept. 9, 1893, and is the only child of a president born in the White House. Marion Cleveland was born at Buzzards Bay July 7, 1895. Richard Folsom Cleveland was born Oct. 28, 1897, in Princeton, N. J.

Powder Magazine Explodes.

Roseton, Va., July 20.—By the explosion of a large quantity of dynamite and blasting powder stored in a magazine near Peninsula, Giles county, two men were killed outright, sixteen were more or less injured and about 100 others severely shocked. West bound passenger train No. 1 on the main line of the Norfolk and Western railroad was going at full speed past the magazine, which was located 200 yards from the tracks, when the explosion occurred. The windows of the train were broken and the coaches in other ways damaged, and not a single person on the train escaped injury or shock.

Retail Clerks' Convention.

Zanesville, O., July 20.—The convention of the International Association of Retail Clerks has adjourned to meet in Galveston, Tex., in 1905. The last acts of the convention were to raise the salary of President O'Brien from \$300 to \$1,200 per year, while Secretary-treasurer Max Morris' salary was advanced from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per year. The per capita tax was also increased to 40 cents per quarter for men and 20 cents for women.

New Departure For American Papers.

Kansas City, Mo., July 20.—The Star has begun successfully the operation of its paper mill built here within the last nine months. The capacity of the mill is forty tons of white paper daily, all of which will be consumed by the Star and its morning paper, the Times. The paper is made from pulp shipped from Canada. The London Telegraph is the only other newspaper in the world that manufactures its own paper.

Outlaw Gorman Recaptured.

Cody, Wyo., July 20.—James Gorman, convicted as the murderer of his brother Thomas, who escaped from the sheriff and two armed deputies who were secretly removing him to a canyon about two miles from town in order to protect the men from a threatened lynching, has been captured on Upper Salt creek, in the Big mountains.

Prominent Minister Stricken.

San Francisco, July 20.—Rev. R. C. Poute, rector of Grace Episcopal church and one of the best known Episcopal divines in the United States, has been stricken with paralysis. For some time he was unconscious and it was feared that he could not survive, but his condition is now reported as greatly improved.

Old "Rosie the Bow" Killed.

Somerville, N. J., July 20.—Jack Nixon, seventy years old, a negro who has played at nearly every country dance in this vicinity for fifty years, was killed at Flagtown by a train on the South Branch railroad. His violin was under his arm.

Railroads Deny Charges.

Washington, July 20.—The Illinois Central railroad has filed with the interstate commerce commission an answer to an order of the commission regarding the road's rates on grain and grain products. The Illinois Central denies that it made large advances in rates during the latter half of 1902 and denies that its rates, including local charges, are unreasonable. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad has also filed an answer denying the complaint of the Cannon Falls Elevator company of Minnesota that its rates on wheat, rye and other small grains from Cannon Falls to Chicago and Minneapolis are unjust and discriminating.

Washington Auditor Short.

Washington, July 20.—The special report of the treasury experts on their examination of the affairs of Auditor Petty of the District of Columbia fixes the shortage in that office, for which James M. A. Watson, a clerk, is now in jail, at \$73,387, the figure heretofore announced. The experts criticize the system by which the money was handled in the auditor's office and make recommendations which in effect divorce the funds from the auditor's office and enlarge the powers of the District disbursing officer.

Cuban Congress Adjourns.

Havana, July 20.—Congress has adjourned sine die after an almost continuous session since the time of the inauguration of the Cuban republic on May 20, 1902. One of the final acts of the senate was the ratification of the postal treaty with the United States, and an act was passed also providing for the adherence of the republic to the universal postal union.

Dull Times in the Cotton Mills.

Fall River, Mass., July 20.—A number of the Fall River mills will be closed this week, but the number of the idle spindles will not be as great as during the past few days. Last week about 7,000 operatives were out of work, but this week not over 5,000 will be thrown out. Next month a more extensive curtailment is expected.

Mrs. Arthur Prostrated.

Cleveland, O., July 18.—A newspaper bulletin was the first information that Mrs. P. M. Arthur had of her husband's death at Winnipeg. She was too much distressed to make any statement and immediately sent for some friends of the family in this city. When they reach her home communication will be established with the Winnipeg officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Steamer Monterey a Hopeless Wreck.

St. John's, N. F., July 18.—The British steamer Monterey, which went ashore west of Point Plate, island of St. Pierre-Miquelon, July 14, will be a total wreck. She has twenty-seven feet of water in her hold.

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is grown in one section only of the United States, and is the standard for flour. The supply is limited, and ordinary flour necessarily is made of winter wheat. Pillsbury's Best Flour is made of selected hard spring wheat.

TO EXPLORE HUDSON BAY.

Peary's Former Navigator in Command of Expedition's Ship.

St. John's, N. F., July 18.—The Canadian government has chartered the Newfoundland sailing steamer Neptune to convey a scientific expedition to Hudson bay. The expedition will winter at Chesterfield inlet. Its object is to determine the availability of the region for a Canadian grain route. Captain Bartlett, for several years navigator of the Peary steamers, is in command of the ship, the crew of which consists of Newfoundlanders familiar with ice work.

The scientific party is composed of Canadians. The ship will enforce the Canadian custom laws against American whalers who are operating in Hudson bay. This is the second seal ship chartered within a month, the British admiralty recently securing the Terra Nova to convey a relief expedition to the Antarctic steamer Discovery.

Schwab Leaving Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, July 18.—Charles M. Schwab, who is stopping at a local hotel, will leave the Pennsylvania railroad station for Pittsburgh. An order has been issued for the transfer of Mr. Schwab's private car from Jersey City to Philadelphia and another order was received to have the coach attached to the mail train which leaves for the west.

Governor Odell in Oregon.

Portland, Ore., July 18.—Governor Odell of New York, General F. V. Greene and ex-Senator T. E. Ellisworth of New York have arrived in this city. They will go up the Columbia river to The Dalles and return to Portland, leaving here for San Francisco by rail.

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